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EXDIS FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG FROM UNA

FOLLOWING REPEAT DAR ES SALAAM 1772, ACTION SECSTATE 21 APR:

QUOTE S E C R E T DAR ES SALAAM 1772

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-2

TAGS: PPDC, PDEV, TZ, US

SUBJECT: SUGGESTED REPLY TO NYERERE'S LETTER

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 1759

1. WE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING DRAFT RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT:
NYERERE'S LETTER OF APRIL 20 TO PRESIDENT CARTER IN THE HOPE IT
WILL BE OF ASSISTANCE TO THE DEPARTMENT AND THE WHITE HOUSE IN
PREPARING PRESIDENT CARTER'S REPLY.

2. BEGIN TEXT. DEAR PRESIDENT NYERERE: MY THOUGHTS HAVE BEEN
MUCH ON AFRICA, THE MORE SO BECAUSE OF MY RECENT TRIP. YOUR
LETTER OF APRIL 20 WAS THUS PARTICULARLY WELCOME.

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3. SECRETARY VANCE HAS REPORTED TO ME FULLY ON HIS VISIT TO
DAR ES SALAAM, BOTH ON THE MEETINGS WITH THE PATRIOTIC FRONT
AND ON HIS VERY VALUABLE DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU.

4. I WAS VERY PLEASED TO RECEIVE YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THE DAR
ES SALAAM TALKS. CERTAINLY WE NEED ALL THE SUCCESS WE CAN

ACHIEVE. THE FACT OF THE MEETING ITSELF WAS AN ACCOMPLISHMENT AND I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE CONTRIBUTION YOU HAVE MADE BY HOSTING IT. THE DAR ES SALAAM MEETING WAS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IN OUR PURSUIT OF A JUST AND LASTING RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT. IT IS MY STRONG HOPE THAT IT WILL SOON BE FOLLOWED BY THE NEXT ESSENTIAL ELEMENT, A MEETING OF ALL THE PARTIES.

5. I SHARE YOUR VIEW THAT PROGRESS WAS MADE AT DAR ES SALAAM. CERTAINLY THE DISCUSSIONS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ROLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS WERE VERY HELPFUL. HOWEVER, I HAD EXPECTED THAT AT THIS STAGE WE WOULD HAVE EVEN GREATER AGREEMENT WITH THE PATRIOTIC FRONT ON THE REQUIREMENTS OF AN EQUITABLE SETTLEMENT. FOR EXAMPLE, I REMAIN SOMEWHAT UNCERTAIN AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE PATRIOTIC FRONT YET FULLY ACCEPTS THE PRINCIPLE THAT THE ARRANGEMENTS OF THE TRANSITION PERIOD ANNOT BE ALLOWED TO INFLUENCE THE OUTCOME OF THE ELECTIONS. THE VERY ESSENCE OF THE TRANSITION ADMINISTRATION IS THAT IT MUST BE NEUTRAL.

6. IN ESTABLISHING SUCH AN ADMINISTRATION, I THINK WE HAVE TO BE AS CONCERNED WITH IMAGE AS WITH SUBSTANCE. PATRIOTIC FRONT ACCEPTANCE OF ENHANCED POWERS FOR THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER IS NECESSARY AND WELCOME. IN THIS CONTEXT, ITS CONCEPT OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL MAY BE LESS IMPORTANT, BUT EVEN THE SEMBLANCE OF A DOMINANT PATRIOTIC FRONT POSITION ON THE GOVERNING COUNCIL HAS DISADVANTAGES. I ACCEPT, OF COURSE, THE VALIDITY OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT'S INTEREST IN THE POLICE, BUT
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HOW TO REFLECT THIS INTEREST IN ACTUAL LAW AND ORDER ACTIVITIES WITHOUT DETRACTING FROM THE CONFIDENCE OF ALL THOSE PARTICIPATING IN THE ELECTORAL PROCESS REMAINS A PROBLEM.

7. I, TOO, AM THINKING VERY MUCH ABOUT WHERE WE GO FROM HERE IN BUILDING ON WHAT WAS ACCOMPLISHED AT DAR ES SALAAM. THE VISIT OF SECRETARY VANCE AND DR. OWEN TO SALISBURY PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASSURE THE PARTIES IN SALISBURY THAT THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS ARE VERY MUCH ON TRACK. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE BENEFIT OF YOUR COOPERATION AND COUNSEL AS WE PROCEED TO THE NEXT STEP, THE CONVENING OF AN ALL-PARTIES CONFERENCE. I ASSURE YOU THAT WE WILL BE DOING OUR UTMOST TO SEE THAT THIS CONFERENCE IS HELD AND THAT IT PRESERVES THE MOMENTUM GENERATED AT DAR ES SALAAM.

8. YOUR THOUGHTS ARE ONCE AGAIN MOST TIMELY AND I THANK YOU FOR SHARING THEM WITH ME. A FULL EXCHANGE OF OUR VIEWS IS IMPORTANT IF WE ARE TO SUCCEED IN REALIZING OUR COMMON HOPES FOR RHODESIA. I KNOW THAT WAS THE INTENTION OF YOUR LETTER. IT IS THE SAME WITH MINE, WHICH I SEND WITH MY BEST WISHES. SINCERELY, /S/JIMMY CARTER. END TEXT. SPAIN UNQUOTE.
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